



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 98

LCO No. 844



Referred to Committee on INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

Introduced by:
(INS)

***AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR
SERVICES RENDERED BY ACUPUNCTURISTS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 38a-507 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2017*):

3 Each individual health insurance policy delivered, issued for
4 delivery, renewed, amended or continued in this state shall provide
5 coverage for services rendered by (1) a chiropractor licensed under
6 chapter 372 to the same extent coverage is provided for services
7 rendered by a physician, if such chiropractic services [(1)] (A) treat a
8 condition covered under such policy, and [(2)] (B) are within those
9 services a chiropractor is licensed to perform, and (2) an acupuncturist
10 licensed under chapter 384c to the same extent coverage is provided
11 for services rendered by a physician, if such acupuncturist services (A)
12 treat a condition covered under such policy, and (B) are within those
13 services an acupuncturist is licensed to perform.

14 Sec. 2. Section 38a-534 of the general statutes is repealed and the

15 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2017*):

16 Each group health insurance policy providing coverage of the type
 17 specified in subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (6) and (11) of section 38a-469,
 18 delivered, issued for delivery, renewed, amended or continued in this
 19 state shall provide coverage for services rendered by (1) a chiropractor
 20 licensed under chapter 372 to the same extent coverage is provided for
 21 services rendered by a physician, if such chiropractic services [(1)] (A)
 22 treat a condition covered under such policy, and [(2)] (B) are within
 23 those services a chiropractor is licensed to perform, and (2) an
 24 acupuncturist licensed under chapter 384c to the same extent coverage
 25 is provided for services rendered by a physician, if such acupuncturist
 26 services (A) treat a condition covered under such policy, and (B) are
 27 within those services an acupuncturist is licensed to perform.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>January 1, 2017</i>	38a-507
Sec. 2	<i>January 1, 2017</i>	38a-534

Statement of Purpose:

To require health insurance coverage for services rendered by an acupuncturist to the same extent coverage is provided for services rendered by a physician.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]